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SUBJECT: LUXEMBOURG CONDEMNS PLO RAID IN ISRAEL

1. ON MARCH 14 GOL TELEPHONED PLO INFORMATION OFFICE IN BRUSSELS (ALSO ACCREDITED TO LUXEMBOURG) TO CONDEMN ACT OF TERRORISM COMMITTED IN ISRAEL, PARTICULARLY THE FACT THAT THERE WERE NUMEROUS CIVILIAN VICTIMS. THE GOL UNDERScoreD THAT SUCH ACTS MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO REACH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND DO NOTHING TO PROMOTE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINEAN PEOPLE. THE PLO MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE REPLY.

2. THE SAME DAY PRIME MINISTER THORN ALSO SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO FOREIGN MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN: BEGIN TEXT: IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOL'S TRADITIONAL ATTITUDE THAT NO CAUSE JUSTIFIES VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS, THE GOVERNMENT OF LUXEMBOURG ENERGETICALLY CONDEMNS THE ACTS OF TERRORISM WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN COMMITTED IN ISRAEL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH RESULTED IN NUMEROUS INNOCENT VICTIMS. MY GOVERNMENT WXPRESSES TO YOU AND TO THE PARENTS AND RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS AND ALL ISRAELI CITIZENS ITS PROFUND CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY. MY GOVERNMENT ALSO EXPRESSES THE FIRM HOPE THAT EVEN IN THESE TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES THE DYNAMIC OF PEACE, WHICH HAS REVEALED ITSELF TO BE STRONG, WILL CONTINUE IN ORDER THAT THE PATIENT SEARCH

FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT
CAN CONTINUE.END TEXT.

3. THE PRESIDENT'S CHEF DE CABINET PAUL HELMINGER TOLD
US THAT THE GOL DOES NOT PLAN TO ISSUE AN ADDITIONAL STATE-
MENT IN REGARD TO THE ISRAEL MILITARY ACTION IN SOUTHERN
LEBANON. THORN BELIEVES THAT HIS TELEGRAM TO DAYAN
ADEQUATELY EXPRESSES THE GOL'S CONDEMNATION OF
VIOLENCE TOWARDS CIVILIAN POPULATIONS.
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